

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

Please cancel Claims 6-8, 10, and 12, and amend Claims 1, 3-5, 9, and 11 as follows:

1. (Currently amended) An image processing method for processing an input image that contains a plurality of objects, comprising ~~the steps of:~~

~~inputting rendering command statements that specify rendering of the plurality of objects;~~

~~analyzing the rendering instructions;~~

an identifying step for identifying the types of objects based on a rendering command; and

an obtaining step for obtaining an image correction condition based on image characteristics of a specific type of object;

a correction step for correcting said input image related to said specific type of object by using said image correction condition; and

a developing step for developing raster data based on said rendering command;

wherein if an image area has said specific type of object, said rendering command is inputted a plurality of times for said identifying step, said obtaining step, said correction step, and said developing step, and

if an image area does not have said specific type of object, said rendering command is inputted one time for said identifying step and said developing step

~~if a specific type of object is identified through the identification step, re-inputting the rendering command statement that specifies rendering of the specific type of object so as to correct the specific type of object,~~

~~wherein if the specific type of object is not identified through the identification step, a rendering command statement needed for execution of image correction is not re-input.~~

2. (Original) An image processing method according to Claim 1, wherein said specific type of object is a photographic image.

3. (Currently Amended) An image processing method according to Claim 1, further comprising:

an outputting step for outputting data representing the corrected object to an image formation unit;

wherein ~~executing~~ said image processing method is executed by a printer driver; and

inputting said rendering command ~~statements~~ is inputted from an operating system, ~~which resides in a computer.~~

4. (Currently Amended) An image processing method according to Claim 1, wherein ~~further comprising:~~

~~identifying the types of objects, and plotting a histogram when a type of object is said specific type, the histogram uses a rendering command statement that specifies rendering of the object, and~~

~~correcting the object whose rendering is specified by the re-input rendering command statement under a condition for image correction drawn from the histogram~~

said obtaining step calculates said image correction condition based on a histogram of the specific type of object.

5. (Currently Amended) An image processing method according to Claim 1, further comprising a dividing step for dividing said input image containing said plurality of objects into a plurality of portions.

6.-8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) An image processing apparatus for processing an input image that contains a plurality of objects comprising:

~~identifying means for inputting rendering command statements that specify rendering of the plurality of objects, analyzing the rendering command statements, and identifying the types of objects based on a rendering command; and~~

means for obtaining an image correction condition based on image characteristics of a specific type of object;

~~image correcting means for, when a specific type of object is identified through the identification, re-inputting a rendering command statement that specifies rendering of the specific type of object so as to correct~~ correcting the input image related to the specific type of object[[,]] by using said image correction condition; and

developing means for developing raster data based on said rendering command,

wherein if an image area has said specific type of object, said rendering command is inputted a plurality of times during operation of said identifying means, said obtaining means, said correction means and said developing means, and

wherein when said identifying means fails to identify the specific type of object, a ~~said rendering command statement needed for execution of image correction is not re-input~~ is inputted one time during operation of said identifying means and said developing means.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) A recording medium in which a program readable by a computer is recorded, comprising:

~~inputting rendering command statements that specify rendering of the plurality of objects;~~

~~analyzing the rendering command statements;~~

~~identifying the types of objects; and~~

~~if a specific type of object is identified through the identification step, re-inputting a rendering command statement that specifies rendering of the specific type of object, and correcting the specific type of object;~~

~~wherein if the specific type of object is not identified through the identification, a rendering command statement needed for execution of image correction is not re-input~~

an identifying step for identifying the types of objects based on a rendering command; and

an obtaining step for obtaining an image correction condition based on image characteristics of a specific type of object;

a correction step for correcting said input image related to said specific type of object by using said image correction condition; and

a developing step for developing raster data based on said rendering command;

wherein if an image area has said specific type of object, said rendering command is inputted a plurality of times for said identifying step, said obtaining step, said correction step, and said developing step, and

if an image area does not have said specific type of object, said rendering command is inputted one time for said identifying step and said developing step.

12. (Cancelled)